

RHODE ISLAND VISION EDECATION AND SERVICES PROGRAM ADVISORY BOARD

Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities
600 Mount Pleasant Ave, Providence, RI 02908
Building # 7- East Campus
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

RIVESP Advisory Board
Minutes
February 2, 2010

Members Present:

Paul Loberti, Co-chair
William Potter, Member
Gloria Stuart, Member
Greg Waldorf, Member
Terrence Chapman, Member
Themmi Evangelatos (called in), Member
Chris Butler, Member
Clare Irwin, Ex-Officio
Melissa MacDonald, Ex-Officio
Heidi Henshaw, TVI, Guest
Lee D., TVI, Guest
Judy Carlson, Guest

Members Absent:

Richard Gaffney, Member
Elizabeth Frampton, Co-Chair
Judy Lundsten, Member
Richard Gaffney, Member

I. Welcome/Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by at 5:40 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes:

Approval of 11/3/09 and 1/5/10 minutes

III. New Business:

- **Presentations from each state agency, updates from RIVESP, RISSB, Tech-ACCESS & INSIGHT:**

- INSIGHT- Chris spoke of the Carol Kids Program being offered through Insight for students ages K-12 with a day/overnight program option. It is free for RI residents, with scholarships available from CVS and Hasbro. There will be an academic component provided by RI/MA TVI's. Brochures will be coming soon with further detail. In addition, a Diabetic outreach program will be offered to students with Diabetes/VI shortly.
- NEAER conference will be held in RI in 2011 and is open to vendors-Tech Access welcomes ideas for invitees- Contact Judy Carlson if interested.
- Gloria and Will offered the TechACCESS update focusing on the success of Cyber Vision. Members have been increasing and our between the ages of 9-17.
- An abstract was accepted to be presented at a national conference in California on March 27, 2010 called "Freedom Scientific." Gloria will present and Skype Cyber vision students to access the session.
- Clare, Lee and Heidi offered an overview of RIVESP and activities at The Sherlock Center.
- **Status & Updates of RI Agenda:**
- First Draft of the updated RI agenda was circulated in the fall to participating work group leaders. Goals were then identified that needed additional information. To date more information needs to be sought to complete updating the goals. Once the workgroups submit required information, RIDE will continue to provide technical assistance to finish the final product.
- Paul would like to schedule a parent focus group on RI Agenda tentatively in March or April to address the RI Agenda updates
- At the next RIVESP AB meeting the committee would like to identify potential strategies/issues related to the roll-out of the Agenda to LEAs in the future.
- **Discuss status of membership:**
- The charter was reviewed and member recruitment for a parent representative is underway by the AB. Direct interested parties to submit a letter of interest to RIDE.
- **Establish agenda for next meeting:**
- Topics inclusive of Status of RI Agenda, Roll Out, State/Agency Updates, IMAA Update, Census Report Update, review new member process/interested parties

Old Business: None

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm